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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Lockhart Power Company Residential Solar Net Metering Experimental Rider RS-1

Docket No. 2017-226-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and supports the filing submitted by Lockhart Power Company ("Lockhart" or the "Company") in the above referenced Docket. The Company requests that the Commission approve Lockhart's proposed Residential Solar Net Metering Experimental Rider RS-1 ("Rider RS-1").

If approved, Rider RS-1 will allow residential customers receiving concurrent service from the Company on Rate Schedule R or Rate Schedule RA to participate in net energy metering with solar photovoltaic generation systems ("SPGS"). The SPGS must be for the customer's own use and located at a single premises owned, leased or otherwise controlled solely by the customer. Also, the nameplate capacity on the SPGS must not exceed 15 kilowatts alternating current.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns regarding the matter above.

Sincerely,

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